MEMORIAL

WELLS & CO., AND ISAAC NEWTON AND OTHERS.

Who have formed an association for the purpose of carrying freight and passengers across the isthmus of Tehuantepec, and asking aid or conditional compensation for carrying the United States mail across said isthmus.

JANUARY 9, 1849.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Senate of the United States and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

The undersigned and their associates having formed an association for the purpose of carrying freight and passengers on the rivers Chimalapa and del Passo, and by mule or wagon carriage, or railway across the intervening territory, that is to say, across the isthmus of Huasacualco or Tehuantepec, by which means the distance from the Atlantic seaports of the United States to San Francisco will be shortened about three thousand miles, securing to our citizens a safe, speedy, convenient, and healthy mode of transit, and greatly facilitating our commercial intercourse with our new territories on the Pacific, respectfully ask of your honorable body to extend to them such countenance and aid, either by a direct grant or conditional compensation, for carrying the United States mails and naval and military stores across the said isthmus as shall, upon due consideration and examination of documents and guarantees, to be submitted to your honorable body, be deemed just, expedient, and conducive to the public interests.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WELLS & CO., ISAAC NEWTON, S. DE WITT BLOODFORD, And associates.

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